AB9EK

From: "Patrick Moretti" <pmoretti@wi.rr.com>
To: "'Tom Schulte'" <AB9EK@arrl.net>
Sent: Friday, August 29, 2003 2:15 PM
Attach: MRAC RESIGN.pdf
Subject: RE: some explanations

Health should indeed come first. I do not intend to attend club meetings (of any sort) for some time – we'll see after I get a clean bill of health from both of my physicians – internist and cardiologist.

I also do not intend to teach any classes – and yes unfortunately the projector is mine and won't be generally available. Dick has arranged to borrow it from me and will return it personally, but that is not the general purpose of that projector and must use it for work.

The attached letter should serve as my "formal" resignation.

Thanks Tom,

73

Patrick
W9UQ

-----Original Message-----
From: Tom Schulte [mailto:AB9EK@arrl.net]
Sent: Friday, August 29, 2003 9:38 AM
To: Patrick Moretti
Subject: RE: some explanations

Patrick,
Sorry to hear your are ill. I wish you the best to a speedy recovery. You sure will be missed in the Amateur community.

I have a few questions/requests though. Does this mean that you will no longer be attending any club meetings? If this is the case then I take it that the club would not have the use of your projector? Would you be teaching any classes? The request I have is that I would like you to send me a signed letter of resignation for the clubs records. This is per the by laws. We did not mention at the meeting that you have resigned untill we knew for sure and I now belive we do. WE did announce the resignanation of Mark. I will make your resignation announcement at the next club meeting or if you wish I'll have Pancho put it in the Chatter.

I see Brian will pick up the club equipment. If this is fine with you ok than. If not I can pick it up any time this weekend even today if you wish.

Best wishes
Tim AB9EK

To the Board and Members of the MRAC

It is with some regrets that I must resign from my position as president and from my membership on the board. I do so from personal and preemptive health reasons.

I want to thank the current board members who have supported our efforts, and I want to wish them the full support of the membership.

Sincerely,

Patrick Moretti
W9UQ

5454 Moraine Hills Dr., E West Bend, Wi 53095
Tel. No 262-306-1420

MRAC
P.O. PO Box 07065
Milw, Wi., 53207

Mark:

Got your computer message today so am enclosing my check for dues. I do not wish to be dropped from membership, and am about ready to get on the air again. My wife and I have been having a few medical problems but appear to be over with them. Have a J-pole up for 2 m. and a vertical up for 40m CW. (R7).....

Called Roger Zaun and got your address so am enclosing the check, hi. I convinced the management of the need for ham radio, and got permission for the antennae, hi. (Helps that the CEO of the Retire ment Complex is also a ham!), altho' lately, he has been too busy to get on the iar.

The QTH is a large retirement organization with some small houses. many apartments in a building to the east, Also a Health Care Center, with barber shops, doctors & dentists offices, and a Post Office on site'-very handy.

Our house abuts a large open area to the south which is ideal for antennas, and my J-pole is on a pipe mast adjacent to the ham shack room. The R7 vertical is out in the field with a buried feed line so it doesnt get damaged by the grass cutter!

House is two bedroom (our computers, my ham rig, and all my tube and Vibroplex collections are mounted on shelves in the second bed room.)

All of this has taken time to set up, so am glad to be getting back on-seems like a longtime! Gave me time to repair the ham gear that was damaged in moving-now works great!

CUL es 73,

FRED A. LINN W9NZF

Hope to be on regularly in about a week, so will CUL....

May 7, 2003

73,

FRED A. LINN W9NZF

Badger Association
of the Blind and Visually Impaired, Inc.

August 7, 2003

Using 14-point type assures the Badger Association's commitment to "visually friendly" communications for people with vision loss.

Mr. Mark Tellier
Treasurer
Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club, Inc.
PO Box 070695
Milwaukee, WI 53207-0695

Dear Mr. Tellier:

On behalf of the membership, consumers, Board of Directors, and staff at the Badger Association of the Blind and Visually Impaired, thank you for your contribution of $50.00. I have passed along a copy of your kind note to Howard Kaufman, who is a wonderful member of our staff. We are always willing to help organizations who need to put materials in accessable formats, so please do not hesitate to ask again.

Recipients of our services know firsthand the importance of your support. Your gift allows us to provide thousands of people each year with the rehabilitative services, recreational programs, and residential options that they need. We are committed to reaching out to meet these needs for the 60,000 individuals who are blind or visually impaired in southeastern Wisconsin.

Because of the commitment of our volunteers and donors like you, the future looks "bright" for people who are blind or visually impaired. If you would like to visit our facility and learn more about our services, I would be pleased to give you a tour. My direct line is (414) 615-0120. Thank you again for your generous support.

Sincerely,

Charles Sweet

Charles Sweet
Annual Campaign Manager

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Patrick Moretti

From: Tczaja [tczaja@tcsprime.com]
Sent: Monday, July 28, 2003 9:23 AM
To: pmoretti@wi.rr.com; wa9job@arrl.net; n9vsv@wi.rr.com
Subject: Ham Radio Article

Pat, Nels & Jeananne:

The follwing is an excerpt from the July 28, 2003 International Assciation of Fire Chiefs Weekly Homeland Security Bulletin:

LICENSED AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS: CIP MULTIPLIERS

The importance of licensed amateur radio operators (who don't mind being called "hams") is re-emerging as part of the critical infrastructures of the emergency response community. There is sufficient evidence that "hams" are not an outmoded capability. In the last few weeks these amateur radio operators have been busy providing emergency communication support at various locations of the nation. For example, "hams" continue to function as critical infrastructure protection (CIP) multipliers at the ongoing wildfires in Arizona, and in the aftermath of Hurricane Claudette in Texas.

Those who had the good fortune to work with "hams" are enthusiastic about the communication support they provide to emergency first responders. Convinced that amateur radio capabilities are potentially applicable in an all hazards response, these officials offer the following minimum recommendations for initial consideration by American municipalities and their chief officers, particularly if the utilization of licensed amateur radio operators is a viable alternative within their specific jurisdiction:

Organizational Issues
- Arrange familiarization meetings with local "hams."
- Determine legal insurance, liability, and compensation requirements.
- Perform background checks for each "ham volunteer."
- Organize a local communications auxiliary consisting primarily of "hams."
- Affiliate the "hams" with the local Citizens Corp or its equivalent.

Procedural Issues
- Create an SOP for the use of licensed amateur radio operators.
- Develop a Memorandum of Understanding to formalize relationships.
- Finalize an emergency call list to activate "ham volunteers."

Training Issues
- Conduct training with local licensed amateur radio operators.
- Cross-train "hams" as EOC personnel.
- Involve the "hams" in future exercises.

Equipment Issues
- Agree that licensed amateur radio operators provide their own radios.
- Provide space in the EOC for designated "hams."
- Ensure access to dependable power sources for each radio. Ascertain antenna requirements to support an EOC presence.

Taken from the USFA CIP INFOGRAM

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Rod Synnes
709 Woodcrest Rd., #504
P. O. Box 565
Sister Bay, WI 54234-0565

Dear Rod Synnes,

The Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club would like to acknowledge your generous donation on April 3, 2003 of approximately 600 QST Magazines covering the years from 1949 to 2002 along with various ARRL Handbooks and operating manuals.

While the club has yet to decide what or where we will use these, be assured they will be put to good use on behalf of the club's membership.

On a personal note, I enjoyed the few minutes we had to chat and talk a little amateur radio history. I hope you enjoy your new QTH. If you ever have the time and you're in the area, please join us for a MRAC meeting at 7 PM on the last Thursday of the month at Redemption Lutheran Church on Highway 100 just north of Capitol Drive.

Thanks again,

Mark Tellier
MRAC Treasurer

Mr.Secretary,

I Lester C. Hundt do hereby resign as Treasurer of the Milwaukee Radio Amateurs Club effective immediately.

Also at this time this shall completely absolves me of any and all duties and responsibilities of the Treasurer of the Milwaukee Radio Amateurs Club.

Lester C. Hundt

Signed Lester C. Hundt Dated March 27 2003

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TO Curt Gruenwald,

Per your request I am enclosing a certificate of insurance naming the Ozaukee County Historical Society as an additional insured. This certificate is for our annually Field Day event on June 28th and 29th, 2003.

If any additional information is need please contact me at 414-529-2512 after 4:00pm or AB9EK@arrl.net.

Thank You,
Tom Schulte, AB9EK
Secretary, MRAC

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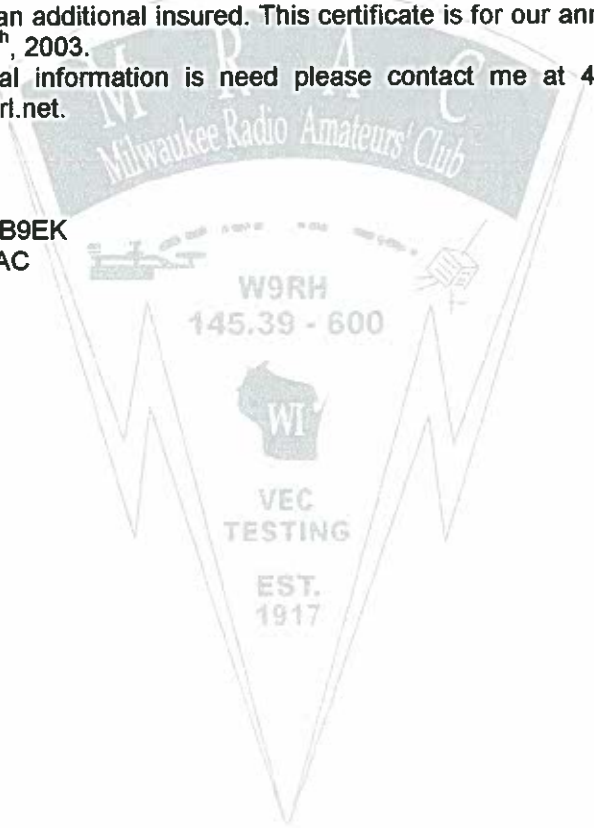

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MRAC Board:

As required by the By-Law of our organization, I am submitting my resignation from the position of Vice-President in order to take over the functions of the office of the Treasurer.

I enjoyed my time as Vice-President and plan to continue serving the organization in this new position.

Sincerely,

Mark Tellier

Mark Tellier, AB9CD

June 9, 2003

J. Bargholz, N9VSV
8273 N. 53rd Street
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Patrick Moretti
W9UQ
President
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Dear Patrick and members of MRAC:

On behalf of all the amateur radio volunteers participating in the Miller Lite Ride for the Arts and Milwaukee County Amateur Radio Emergency Service, we would like to thank you for the use of the Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club repeater for the Miller Ride on June 1st.

As users of the MRAC repeater (and others), we recognize what a significant donation your members gave by allowing us to use your repeater for a good portion the day. Although we didn't use it constantly, you should know that it played a key role in some of the more secluded, low areas along the route. It worked very well. Your actions are truly in the spirit of good amateur radio practice!

Providing communications for an event the size of the Miller Ride is always challenging and having good operators and quality equipment is critical. The ride was a success, in part, because of your great repeater. We are most appreciative.

Sincerely,

John Kopmeier
N9ZJD
Event Coordinator

Phil Bogacki
KB9KEE
Event Coordinator

Jeananne Bargholz
N9VSV
EC, Milwaukee ARES

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Ozaukee Historical Society
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Mr. Big Cheese,

On behalf of the Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club, we wish to commend Fred Lynn for pairing the Ozaukee Historical Society and the Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club for our annual Field Day operations at the Pioneer Village train depot. Fred Lynn's comprehensive knowledge of railroad operations, telegraphy and radio make for an outstanding experience on this weekend. Our group really appreciates the use of this facility while performing our field day operations. As a public venue, we greatly enjoy having the public able to see and participate in our activities. We wish to thank you for again allowing us the use of the train depot for this year's Field Day operations.

We also can't say enough about the caretakers at Pioneer village, Al and Karen, and how they have accommodated our work during these weekends. They should be commended as great ambassadors for Pioneer Village and the Historical Society.

Because there seems to be a beneficial relationship for both of our groups relating to this activity, we are also writing with a request. We would like to make a ten year commitment to hold our annual field day operations on the fourth weekend of June. With such a commitment, the Historical Society can use the event to attract attention to Pioneer Village and our group will continue to enjoy a superb facility for our annual operations. As such, we would like to include access to the train depot area and the barn with it's food storage and preparation area. Given our event runs from early Saturday to late on Sunday afternoon (including the set-up and take down time), this latter portion of the facility is great for the logistics required in such an undertaking.

It would be our intention to take the same care to leave the facility in the same condition as we find it as we have in past years.

We appreciate your time in considering this request. We hope an arrangement can be consolidated to everyone's benefit.

Sincerely,

Patrick Moretti
President
Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club, Inc

Main Identity

From: "Mark Tellier" <ab9cd@arrl.net>
To: "Tom KB9RLB Schulte" <kb9rlb@wi.rr.com>
Sent: Monday, January 27, 2003 10:45 PM
Subject: FW: Milw. Radio Amateurs' Club letter of request to the O.C.H.S.

Tom,
This was my first response to the inquiry from O.C.H.S.
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-----Original Message-----
From: Mark Tellier [mailto:ab9cd@arrl.net]
Sent: Tuesday, November 26, 2002 1:44 AM
To: Curt Gruenwald
Subject: RE: Milw. Radio Amateurs' Club letter of request to the O.C.H.S.

Curt,

Thanks for acknowledging our letter. I will attempt to answer the questions put forth in the memo below. If I don't completely answer the question with the information you are looking for, please don't hesitate to inquire further.

~ What is the purpose for your organization and do you have a mission statement?
The Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club (MRAC) is one of the oldest continuous operating amateur radio clubs, being incorporated in 1917. From our bylaws, the purpose of the corporation is:

"In addition to purpose of the Corporation (MRAC) as set forth in the Articles of Incorporation, It's purposes are to foster the ownership, operation and maintenance of amateur radio equipment, amateur radio stations, and other apparatus as to promote the art, science, and technology relating to amateur communications between its members. It shall also conduct courses of instruction for each grade of amateur operator license and shall maintain affiliation with the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) of Newington CT.
It shall also provide membership meeting to promote friendly exchange of information concerning the improvements of communication, using present or advance technologies, and to insure effective compliance with the Rules & Regulations of the Federal Communications Commission, and the State of Wisconsin."

In addition, from our Bylaws:

"ARTICLE XIV "ARRL FIELD DAY"
The Board of Directors shall plan annually for ARRL FIELD DAY and request a volunteer Chairman for the event. The Corporation shall be under no obligation to provide for Field Day should no volunteer be found. The Volunteer shall be a regular member, class of his/her license shall not be a requirement. However, one member of the event must have an extra class license and assume the responsibility for proper operating practice of the club station, on behalf of the club license trustee, while the club call (W9RH) is in use. The responsibility can be shared by several members attending the event. The Board of Directors shall make every attempt necessary to attain a site on a yearly basis."

In general, the amateur radio service (amateur in name only... we practice our craft as professionally as any group) exist primarily as an alternate means of communication in times of emergencies ranging from weather related disasters to events like those of 9-11. We use public service events like charity bike rides and Field Day to demonstrate our preparedness to handle real situations requiring emergency communications.

~ How many members are within your organization?
Approximately 120 current members.

~ How many are anticipated to attend a weekend of this type (involved vs. visitors)?
Involved: Approx. 10-15. Club member visitors: Maybe 10. Typically there would be about a dozen people on site at any one time.

~ Is this open to other Amateur Radio Operators or groups?

No. The ARRL Field Day does not permit members of multiple clubs to split there time among various field day sites.

~ What publicity or contacts would be made to promote the weekend event from your organizations' end?
While public attention is a bonus, it is not required. One of the purposes of this annual event is to draw attention to amateur radio and the benefits of having amateur communications. To that end we do give notice to various newspapers and radio & TV stations. Unfortunately, it is rare that an event like this receives enough interest to actually get media attention much less 'air' time.

~ What would you suggest for promotion of such a weekend event?
Our understanding was that a more advanced notice/longer term relationship would allow the O.C.H.S. to publish the event on an informational phone line and possibly in normal O.C.H.S. listings. Anything that would generate desirable publicity is welcome. Especially exciting would be opening this opportunity to younger people.

~ What specifically are the areas which you will require to utilize for the weekend – it was mentioned to utilize the food service area – what are the needs and what will be prepared/served on site. Will you be doing this for your group only for for sale to the general public.
As in the past, we wish to have use of the train depot and surrounding area. We use the surrounding area to raise a number of antennas and need the space to keep the different antennas separate from each other.
The food prep area in the barn is used to store and serve food for the members participating in the event. We do not provide food to the public. The club does encourage club members not participating in the field day activities to visit us and enjoy a sandwich with us. Specifically, we would typically have sandwiches for lunch. A grill (not the O.C.H.S. equipment) might be used to prepare burgers, hot dogs, etc.. for a lunch or dinner meal. A breakfast of eggs and sausage (on a really good field day weekend) is also possible.

~ Is your group a non-profit organization? If yes, kindly provide number.
We are non-profit. I will obtain and provide the number. Our treasurer is currently taking care of some family health problems and this may take a few days.

~ Does your organization have insurance coverage? If yes, what type of coverage?
We do have insurance. We have liability coverage in excess of one million dollars. It has been our policy to have this coverage (and is required in some cases for various events) for as long as anyone can remember.

~ Would your organization be responsible for any damage or loss caused by your group?
Absolutely YES! While we have insurance for this purpose, our group really appreciates and respects this facility and takes extreme care during our visit to the site to leave it as we found it. This facility is unique and rare and deserves to be treated accordingly. The very nature of the depot adds to our experience for the weekend and fits our activities like a hand in a glove. This, more than anything else, has motivated us to seek a longer term relationship.

~ Why are you seeking a ten year commitment for the last weekend in June.
The ten year term was suggested to show commitment to a long term relationship. From our perspective, 10 years would be a good starting point. The reoccurring nature of the event would allow both groups to generate positive public exposure and allow longer term planning in this respect. The year to year operation hasn't allowed any planning or thinking of longer term activities for this weekend.

~ In what way do you see a benefit to the Ozaukee County Pioneer Village in having your Organization for such a proposed event?
The history of the train depot as it relates to telegraph communications fits very well with the radio communications performed by our club during field day. A great deal of amateur radio history is related to the telegraph and the railroad. This make a good tie in. The activity of a 24 hour radio operation on the site could be good publicity and a good draw. Our operation is intended to be open to the public and we welcome visitors. This last year we were able to have a number of visitors talk on the radio as a part of their visit. We'd like to work on integrating these activities with the goals of the O.C.H.S.

~ Will anyone be staying overnight on the grounds?
Yes. As mentioned above, we operate for a period of 24 hours. We begin setup at about 8 AM on Saturday for a 12 noon start time for the field day operations proper. The operation runs until 12 noon on Sunday. We require about 3 to 4 hours to take down our equipment and clean the area after operations cease. We typically leave by about 4 PM (and by this time, very tired). During the above time, we usually have radios operating at all times.

~ Advise specific dates and times for the 2003 event. Do you need advance set up time?
The 2003 Field Day is set for the weekend of June 28th and 29th. We typically do not need access to the site in advance of Saturday morning (at approximately 8 AM). Under abnormal circumstances, we might want to leave equipment on site the night before, but this almost is never required.

Thanks for taking the time to consider this proposal. Please contact me anytime to discuss the above further.

Mark

Mark W Tellier, AB9CD
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Brown Deer, WI 53223-3605
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Create like a God; Command like a King; Work like a Slave; Ask questions like a 4 year-old.

-----Original Message-----
From: Curt Gruenwald [mailto:cgruenwald@wi.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2002 11:11 AM
To: ab9cd@arrl.net
Subject: Milw. Radio Amateurs' Club letter of request to the O.C.H.S.

Memo to: Mark Tellier
The Milwaukee Radio Amateur's Club, Inc.

From: Curt Gruenwald of the Ozaukee County Historical Society
Contact e-mail or society address: P.O. Box 206 Cedarburg, WI 53012
Phone 262-375-1491 Office 262-377-3818 Home

RE: Use of grounds – Ozaukee County Pioneer Village

Dear Mark;

Thank you for your letter of appreciation, commendation and inquiry. I presented your request to the Board of Directors at our recent meeting and some questions came up regarding your organization. I know that we have extended the use of the facilities in the past at no cost, however, some policies have been established regarding use of the facilities for which we would need some answers prior to approval by the Board. We would like to continue the relationship which in the past has been very good.

The questions for which a reply is requested are as follows:

~ What is the purpose for your organization and do you have a mission statement?
~ How many members are within your organization?
~ How many are anticipated to attend a weekend of this type (involved vs. visitors)?
~ Is this open to other Amateur Radio Operators or groups?
~ What publicity or contacts would be made to promote the weekend event from your organizations' end?
~ What would you suggest for promotion of such a weekend event?
~ What specifically are the areas which you will require to utilize for the weekend – it was mentioned to utilize the

food service area – what are the needs
and what will be prepared/served on site. Will you be doing this for your group only for for sale to the general public.

~ Is your group a non-profit organization? If yes, kindly provide number.
~ Does your organization have insurance coverage? If yes, what type of coverage?
~ Would your organization be responsible for any damage or loss caused by your group?
~ Why are you seeking a ten year commitment for the last weekend in June.
~ In what way do you see a benefit to the Ozaukee County Pioneer Village in having your Organization for such a proposed event?
~ Will anyone be staying overnight on the grounds?
~ Advise specific dates and times for the 2003 event. Do you need advance set up time?

Please call me with any questions you may have. We will await your timely response to the Board's inquiry.
Take care and have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,

Curt Gruenwald
O.C.H.S. President

Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club, Inc.

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Broadband over Power Line Fund
ARRL
225 Main Street
Newington CT 06111-1494

Dear Sirs:

Please find a contribution of $50.00 towards the Broadband over Power Line Fund on behalf of the Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club.

Our contribution follows a presentation by Donald E Michalski, W9IXG, ARRL Wisconsin Section Manager, at our regular August meeting. The topic of BPL was included in his presentation.

While our club was not in a financial position to contribute to this fund, we were able make some changes in our activities to allow support of this very important effort.

Our membership would appreciate acknowledgement of the donation. A reply to our mail address above or to our email address at w9rh@arrl.net would be fine. It will be included in the next edition of our club newsletter.

Good luck with your efforts against BPL.

Sincerely,

Mark Tellier
Treasurer, Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club

Attachment: Check # 2845 ($50.00)

A correction

Please note that Tom, KF9EE under went back surgery
Was changed to
Tom, KG9EE under went back surgery

Officers and Directors in attendance.
President Kevin Reeme KC9BZU
Vice-President Brian White K9LCQ
Treasurer Joe Schwarz N9UX
Director Pancho Doneis KA9OFA
Director Tom Fuszard KF9PU
Director Jerry Wahlen WA9CGE
Director Mark Tellier AB9CD
Director Dick Wood W9JBE

Officers and Directors in absence
Secretary Tom Schulte AB9EK notified the board at the board meeting that he would be unable to attend the club meeting. That one of us should bring and read the minutes.

Meetings minutes from the November 20, 2003 gathering of the MRAC. The meeting was called to order by Kevin, KC9BZU at 7:15pm. Kevin introduced himself and explained the realignment of the Board of Directors. Kevin, KC9BZU moved from Vice-President to President after the resignation of Patrick, W9UQ. Brian K9LCQ moved from Director to Vice-President. Joe, N9UX was appointed and accepted the position of Treasurer. Mark, AB9CD, who resigned as Treasurer but continued with the responsibilities. Mark will transition the duties to Joe after the renewal period is completed in January 2004. Mark will also fill the Director position vacated by Brain's appointment to Vice-president.

There was no reading of October minutes since no one remembered to bring them.

Mark read the Treasurers report. Les AB9EY made a motion to approve the report as read, Pancho, KA9OFA seconded the motion.

Mark gave a repeater status report. The repeater is working without any problems. The sale of the old repeater was explained, the proceeds from the repeater sale were to be placed into the repeater fund, but were mistakenly placed under the board category general fund. Mark explained that he will be moving the proceeds from the repeater sale to the repeater fund. Vern, W9RYA asked if this was like Peter robbing Paul. And wasn't the old repeater bought from the general fund? This does NOT change the funds in the general fund as the repeater fund is part of the general fund. There was a board decision at the time the repeater with up for sale the proceeds would be placed in the category, repeater fund after the sale was completed.

Tom, KF9PU updated the membership on the VEC status. John, KF9XL would like some help at the testing session the Saturday after Thanksgiving. If anyone can help, to get in touch with John before the testing session. One of our VE Tom, KG9EE under went back surgery and is doing well. The ULS updates at the FCC Website are behind schedule. There were questions for Tom.

Vern, W9RYA updated the membership on the Christmas party. If anyone wants to attend to contact time soon so he can give a head count to the Machine Shed. Phone No. (414) 762-3235 or Email ryatex@aol.com

Floyd AB9EX asked about theory classes. Mark, AB9CD explained that forms for the theory classes have been received but in insufficient quantities to hold a class. There were several more questions from the floor regarding classes. Mark explained that we will hold class as soon we get 6-8 requests for a particular class. More then 10 people the class can become interesting. Less then 4 the time is not well spent. The optimum class size is 8 students with class sizes of 6-10 being acceptable.

Mark, AB9CD also made announcement of several email addresses that are bouncing Chatter mailings. If the address is yours or you know who it belongs to please contact him at ab9cd@arrl.net or contact the club at w9rh@arrl.net.

ka9dlk@aol.com
wd9jkz@aol.com
theo@execpc.com
n9qa@arrl.net
qdc@qualitydesign.cc

There was no new business.

Brian, K9LCQ made a motion that the meeting be adjourned at 7:32pm and seconded by Pancho, KA9OFA

The program for the evening was the Milwaukee - USS Des Moines Historic Naval Ship Project

Respectfully submitted, Brian, K9LCQ

The USS Des Moines Signal

"Freedom Is Not Free"

November 2003

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Seasons Greetings

Merry Christmas - Have a Wonderful Holiday!

From the Bridge - *by Dick Caswell, CAPT, CEC, USNR (Ret), President*

Let's Save the Navy's Cruiser USS Des Moines – It's Crunch Time!

The Milwaukee-USS Des Moines Historic Naval Ship Project's mission is to bring the navy's heavy cruiser USS Des Moines (CA134) to Milwaukee County's Veterans Park permanently to serve as naval museum, to educate young Americans, for tourism, and as a splendid memorial for **all veterans** including those who served during the "cold war." The ship will also be available for use as a Disaster Recovery Command Post, an emergency shelter and/or a hospital during local, state and/or national disasters or terrorist attacks.

Two years ago this project was a vision. There were 5 or 6 volunteers working on it, we had no organization, we had little community support, and few knew about the project. As we move forward on securing Milwaukee County's approval to berth the Des Moines at Veterans Park, much has changed. We now have:

- A solidly staffed organization of volunteers built from scratch with a wide range of knowledge, talent and skills that are working as a team to accomplish our mission. Within the group is a high degree of dedication, motivation and professionalism.
- Met and briefed many Milwaukee County Supervisors and with few exceptions they have expressed support for the project. When the time comes, I believe we will have the votes to secure approval for the Veterans Park Berthing Site long term lease. In addition, Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker has expressed strong support for berthing the Des Moines at Veterans Park.

- Significantly raised the public awareness of the project thru an aggressive program of organizational briefings, television and newspaper coverage, and collecting many Veterans Park Support Card Signatures. When we move forward on the Veterans Park approval process with the Milwaukee County Board, we will have many Veterans Park Support Cards to give to each supervisor as a demonstration of wide spread grass roots support for the project.
- Been mobilizing 85,000 Milwaukee County Veterans and their wives in support of the project. We are making good progress in this effort. This is a huge voting block. ***It will take a brave politician to ignore this group of voters.***
- Have stepped up our program of briefing veteran and civic organizations on the Des Moines Project and these briefs are paying off with individual and organizational support for the project including Veterans Park Support Cards, organizational letters of endorsement and financial help!
- A Veterans Park Resolution, a Business Plan that is almost complete, a good start on the Veterans Park "Strawman Lease" that has been internally staffed and is ready for review by Milwaukee County, and an excellent Power Point Presentation. All this will be ready for the Milwaukee County Parks Committee and the Full Board meetings that are coming up.
- Developed the Business Plan to know that based on current cost estimates, we will be financially successful with as few as 76,000 visitors annually to the USS Des Moines. We conservatively estimate visitor numbers well in excess of 76,000! We also know that the Des Moines will be a destination site for visitors and will have an extremely positive economic impact on the Greater Milwaukee area. The Business Plan predicts employing 20 personnel with a $780,000 payroll, but an even greater economic boon will be the leverage effect of our out of town visitors who will stay at our hotels/motels, eat at restaurants, buy air line tickets, rent cars, buy fuel for their vehicles, shop at our malls and visit our other venues. Not only will our visitors spend money, but jobs will be generated to provide these additional services! ***The USS Des Moines will be very good economically for the Greater Milwaukee Community!***
- Invested over $750,000 in volunteer "sweat equity" to make this project happen and more is invested by our volunteers with each passing day. "Sweat equity" is computed on the basis of multiplying an individual's volunteer hours by a rate of "compensation" based on the individual's level of project billet responsibility. **This "pay" however is donated to the project since no checks are cut.** This is mentioned only to demonstrate that we are serious about bringing the Des Moines to Milwaukee! ***Failure of mission is not in our project vocabulary!***

This project is not a slam dunk, but it is doable and we are confident that ***with your help, we will successfully accomplish our mission!***

Our two most pressing tasks are to secure the Des Moines Veterans Park Berthing Site and raise sufficient funds to get our consultant started on preparing the NAVSEASYSCOM Ship Donation Program Application. There is urgency to these tasks. Maintaining the Des Moines in "mothballs" is expensive and the Navy will not wait forever for us to fully develop our program. In March 2004, we are tasked to report our project status to the Navy.

So now the question becomes how can you help to save the USS Des Moines? **You can help by:**

- Filling out the "Veterans Park Support Card" that is included in this publication (one for each signature if possible) and sending it to our headquarters. Urge your friends, relatives, fellow workers, neighbors and anyone else who wants to support veterans and save the USS Des Moines to sign a "card." For additional "cards", please make copies.
- Sending in an organizational or individual donation. They are fully tax deductible and you will receive acknowledgement of your support!

- Having organizations that you belong to send in an organizational endorsement letter saying that they fully support the Des Moines Project and our plan to permanently berth the ship at Milwaukee County's Veterans Park. A sample letter is on our website.
- Sending in your email address if you are not receiving our bimonthly newsletter – ***The USS Des Moines Signal*** and we will add you to our ***Signal Distribution List.*** The newsletter is only available by email or on our website and it is an excellent way to follow our progress. You can also visit us at our website **www.ussdesmoines.org** to learn more about the project.

We need your help to "Save the USS Des Moines" and move this veteran's project forward! Please make your checks payable to the **"Milwaukee-USS Des Moines Ship Project, Inc."** and send your organizational project support letters, "Veterans Park Support Cards" (see the last page of this newsletter for the support card), and donations to:

CAPT Richard F. Caswell, CEC, USNR (Ret)
President, Milwaukee-USS Des Moines Ship Project, Inc.
Post Office Box 144
Greendale, WI 53129-0144

Thank you for your interest and support! With your help we will be successful!

Ship's Store

Treat yourself, family and friends to the following items from the Ship's Store:

- Navy Blue Baseball Cap with embroidered Des Moines logo on the crown and scrambled eggs on the visor
- Golf Shirts and Sweatshirts with embroidered Des Moines logo
- USS Des Moines Lapel Pin
- USS Des Moines Navy Blue Coffee Mug with white logo on both sides
- Walnut Wall Plaque with a laser generated logo and **personalized message.**

For details visit us at **http://www.ussdesmoines.org.**

New Honorary Board of Directors Members Elected by the Board

In a recent Board of Director's meeting, RADM Ronald P. Kurth USN (Ret) and Alderman James A. Bohl Jr. were elected to the Des Moines Project Honorary Board of Directors.

Admiral Kurth is currently serving as the President of St. John's Northwestern Military Academy and had a distinguished naval career in a wide variety of military billets including command, educational, operational and administrative assignments. Dr. Kurth earned his PhD from Harvard in 1977 and has received numerous military awards and decorations including the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Navy Distinguished Service Medal and three awards of the Legion of Merit. After retirement in civilian life, he has been equally successful while serving as President of Murray State University, on the faculty of the United States Air Force Academy - Air War College, and as the current President of St. John's Northwestern Military Academy.

Alderman Bohl is serving on the Milwaukee City Common Council as a representative of the 5th District. He has been an alderman since April 2000. At 31, Alderman Bohl is the youngest

member of an increasingly youthful and diverse Common Council. A native of Milwaukee's north side, he graduated from Milwaukee's Madison High School in 1989 before earning Bachelor of Arts Degrees in Political Science and History in 1993 and a Master of Arts Degree in History in 1996 from Marquette University. Alderman Bohl is active in the community with special emphasis on working with children and young adults. Prior to his election, Alderman Bohl taught at Madison University High School in Milwaukee and served as an aide to the former United States Congressman Tom Barrett of Milwaukee.

Des Moines Project Honored by the Fraternal Order of Eagles

On 20 November 2003, CAPT Donald H. Hansen USNR (Ret) accepted a Greater Milwaukee Fraternal Order of Eagles - Aerie 4214 Plaque commending the Milwaukee – USS Des Moines Historic Naval Ship Project, Inc. for bringing the USS Des Moines to Milwaukee County's "Veterans Park where she will become a floating Naval Museum, a Veterans Memorial and the largest Naval Warship on the Great Lakes." When the Des Moines arrives in Milwaukee, the plaque will be placed on board the ship in a place of honor.

HYMN TO A DEPARTED VETERAN – *by Harvin Abrahamson*

You fought in air, on land and sea.
You fought our fight for liberty,
In battles lost and battles won
Your courage shining as the sun.
Your inspiration and your pow'r
Sustained us through our shining hour.

You were our strength through weary days
Of conflicts, long in every phase.
Old friends and new are gathered here
To say, "Good Bye" to some one dear.
Another comrade's passed away.
We wish him Godspeed on his way.

Your tour of duty's at an end,
As we say, "Thank you," Comrade, Friend.
To other worlds you now may soar,
Meet other comrades gone before.
Our prayers are with you in your quest.
God, grant you now eternal rest.
Amen. Amen.

Harvin Abrahamson is a World War II 8th Air Force Veteran and Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Cedarburg – Grafton Post 10171. Commander Grafton recently composed the Hymn and gave the ***Signal*** permission to publish it. It can be sung to the tune of either the Eternal Father Strong to Save or the Navy Hymn.

"Sea Story" - The Admiral Drops In - *By Janet Gardner*

As those who have lived them well know, sea stories can come in many sizes and shapes and may occur in many different venues.

Since its inception in the early days after WWI, naval aviation has called many for whom the sea and the sky have become inexorably linked. My late father-in-law, Admiral Matthias B. Gardner, was one of the men for whom this linkage was a way of life. Long before there were The Blue Angels, he was one of a trio of early naval aviators performing upside down aerial feats to the thrill of those solidly anchored to the ground.

Years after his retirement from the navy during which he had had several duty assignments in the San Diego area, Matt Gardner was back and visiting in Southern California. I took him out for a drive to acquaint him with Bonita, which is nestled in a rural inner valley just east of Chula Vista. I kept up a steady narrative, working eastward with the intention of culminating the tour where the road rises out of the valley. In the spring particularly, this point offers a visual crème de la crème of a view. As we drove toward this gem, Admiral Gardner suddenly asked if the business on our right was Morrison's Sand Plant.

"Why yes it is!" I responded with some surprise. "Have you been to Bonita before?" I swung a quick glance in his direction and saw a rueful grin on his face.

"Yes," he responded, " I dropped in rather unexpected one afternoon when about all there was to Bonita was this sand plant.

"I can tell there is a story here," I said, turning into Morrisons and pulling to a stop. My interest and curiosity were thoroughly piqued. The grin had become a laugh.

"When I said I dropped in, that's exactly what happened. I was getting in some airtime on a day much like today and my engine conked out! When I couldn't get it restarted, I had to bail out. Landed just over there," he said, gesturing toward the sand plant.

"You parachuted into Morrisons?" I asked with amazement.

"Yes and I sure surprised a couple of fellows who were working there, " he said with a chuckle.

I have a very vivid imagination and it was not hard at all to conjure up the expression on the face of the men as they watched man and parachute glide down toward them.

"They let me use their telephone so I could call the base," he added, bringing me back to the present. His last word had been accompanied with something of a grimace as he recalled what must have been a rather uncomfortable aspect of an afternoon at work. My imagination activated and I "wore" his flight boots. Quickly though, I shook off that thought!

Though there may have been some trepidation for the youthful aviator on that long ago day, it clearly did not have a lasting effect on Admiral Gardner's career. He had four stars when he retired.

Up to that point, my knowledge of Admiral Gardner's naval career had been centered in the Pacific of WWII and later in the Mediterranean and in Washington D.C., all long before. In the space of a half-hour's drive around Bonita, his career became personal. I continued to pass that local landmark on a daily basis for another ten years before moving east. Each time, I fondly "remembered" a young aviator and recalled with great affection an elderly gentleman who had been rather close to the time he would embark on a final takeoff and experience being piped aboard in another life. Its been said before but surely can be said again, "thanks for the memory."

From the Editor: If you have a Sea Story to share, we'd love to publish it. Please send your Sea Stories to brouchou@execpc.com or our Post Office Box. Thank you!

Visit us at www.ussdesmoines.org to learn about how you can Help Save the USS Des Moines!

USS Des Moines Limited Edition Prints Are Available!

Upon request and for a donation of $100 or more, we will be pleased to send you a beautiful 38 ¾" x 21" numbered and signed limited edition print of the USS Des Moines underway by famed naval artist Michael Donegan. **Be sure to check the print request box on the donation slip if you want a print!**

Please make your donation checks payable to and mail them to the:

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Profits will help save the Des Moines and bring her to Milwaukee permanently. Visit our website for more details at **http://www.ussdesmoines.org.**

We Need Your Help to Keep the Des Moines Afloat!

We anticipate securing the Veterans Park berthing site in the near future. We have our supporting documentation almost complete and will be moving forward on securing approval from the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors and Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker for the Veterans Park berthing site. Once that is done, we will need to prepare the Milwaukee – USS Des Moines Historic Naval Ship Donation Application for the Des Moines and submit it to the Navy. The application is detailed and complex. It requires expertise well beyond that which exists in our organization. We will use a consultant that specializes in projects of this type. We must raise the funds to support this initiative. In other words we need your help move the project forward and keep it "afloat". Please support the project by sending in a donation now. **It is nice to get large donations and we need them, but lots of little donations can add up also and can contribute to the accumulation of significant funds. As an example, if every Milwaukee County veteran contributed just $10.00 each, we could raise almost a million dollars in Milwaukee County alone! In the state of Wisconsin for the same donation, we could raise almost five million dollars! The project is doable!**

Yes ~ I want to help save the USS Des Moines!

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Phone _____ **Email** _____

I'm committed to this project and have enclosed a contribution of:

☐ **$20** ☐ **$25** ☐ **$50** ☐ **$100** ☐ **$250** ☐ **Other $____**

When they request it, donors of $100 or more will receive a beautiful 21" x 38" artist signed and numbered print of the USS Des Moines.

Please send print ☐

Please also make your check payable to and mail to the:

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Veterans Park Support Card – Please Fill Out And Send In

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Freedom Is Not Free

I strongly support berthing the USS Des Moines at Milwaukee County's Veterans Park to serve as a Naval Museum, to educate young Americans, to be a tourist attraction, and to be a memorial for all Veterans!

Print Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Phone _____ **Email** _____

Signature _____